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**Re: PQ/13303/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will advise on the areas of priority for disability in CHO3 under the national prioritisation plan, which is currently under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**Dear Deputy Wynne**

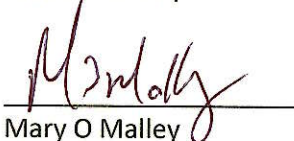
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

*The areas of priority for disability in CHO3 under the national prioritisation plan are as follows:*

- Ensure children are referred to the most appropriate service (National Access Policy)
- Reduce the waiting time for children currently waitlisted for CDNTs
- Optimise use of voluntary and private disability service providers for assessments and interventions
- Improve HSE's legislative compliance for AONs as defined in the Disability Act
- Improve outcomes for children and families and their experience of CDNT service
- Enable teams to optimise service effectiveness and efficiencies, and opportunities to collaborate with community networks such as Children and Young People's Services Committees.
- Improve staff retention on CDNTs in the long term as a good place to work.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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